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The Honorable William Casey
 Director of Central Intelligence
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

On behalf of Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige and my co-hosts, Senator Barry Goldwater, Senator Roger W. Jepsen, the Honorable John H. Kyl, the Honorable Jack R. Miller, and General A.C. Wedemeyer, I cordially invite you and your spouse to come to the formal dedication of the Commerce Building as the Herbert C. Hoover Building and a reception following to honor Dr. George H. Nash. This event will take place in the Great Hall of the Department of Commerce, 14th and Penn., N.W., at 6 p.m. on April 25, 1983.

This occasion will mark the official release of the first volume of Dr. Nash's comprehensive biography, The Life of Herbert Hoover, published by W. W. Norton & Company. Exhaustively researched and meticulously documented, The Life of Herbert Hoover: The Engineer, is the first full account of Hoover's "forgotten years," 1874-1914.

Seven years in the writing, this work has been described by Dr. Nash as "the story of an orphaned son of Iowa pioneers who rose from modest circumstances to wealth and international preeminence as an engineer and businessman. It is an account of travel and accomplishment in strange and forbidding lands -- from the outback of Western Australia to the Great Wall of China, from the City of London to the jungles of Burma.

"It is a story tinged with drama -- of a brush with death in the Boxer Rebellion, of financial disaster at the hands of a business partner, of encounters with Chinese mandarins, sharp-witted London businessmen, and men searching for treasure.

"It is the story also of Herbert Hoover's developing social philosophy and yearnings for a career of public service, yearnings which found an unanticipated focus when Europe -- and western civilization -- went to War in the cataclysmic summer of 1914."

I hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be an exciting evening. If you plan to attend, please return the enclosed card by April 13.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Johnson
 Donald E. Johnson
 President



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